

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—156 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$72 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$327 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$751 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 40 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$220 per share, buyers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—160 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. dis. sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$64 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$193 per share, buyers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$92 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$93 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$121 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1885, E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$82 per share, sellers.
 Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.
 Punjom and Sunghie Doo Samantan Mining Co.—\$81 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—67 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—110 per cent. premium, buyers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—275 per cent. premium, nominal.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$65 per share, sales and buyers.
 The Sengai Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, sellers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sales and buyers.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—20 per cent. dis. sellers.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. dis. nominal.
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—5 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/01
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/01
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/01
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/77
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/95
ON INDIA. T. T. 22/23
 On Demand 22/23
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 72
 Private, 30 days' sight 72

OPPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.
 NEW MALWA, per picul, \$660
 (Allowance, Tails 40)
 OLD MALWA, per picul, \$650
 (Allowance, Tails 64)
 NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest, \$550
 NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest, \$552
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest, \$560
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest, \$547
 NEW BENGAL, (without choice) per chest, \$540
 NEW BENGAL, (best quality) per chest, \$550
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul, \$630
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul, \$580

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MAILS EXPECTED.
THE ENGLISH MAIL.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Peshawur*, with the next English mail, left Singapore at 8 a.m., on the 5th instant, and is expected here on or about the 11th.
THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
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 The Navigazione Generale Italiana Co.'s steamer *Stura*, left Singapore on the 5th instant, and is expected here on the 12th.
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Shipping.
ARRIVALS.
 BERENICE, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 1,707, F. Eger, 7th Dec.—Trieste 10th October, and Singapore 30th Nov.—General—Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co.
 NANTING, British steamer, 808, R. Talbot, 7th Dec.—Manila 4th Dec.—General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 NINGPO, German steamer, 762, Schulz, 7th Dec.—Shanghai 3rd Dec.—General—Siemens & Co.
 FU-YEW, Chinese steamer, 936, Graham, 7th Dec.—Whampoa 7th Dec.—General—C. M. S. N. Co.
CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Nicoya, British bark, for Cherabon (Java).
Almor, British steamer, for Singapore.
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DEPARTURES.
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PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.
 Per *Ningpo*, str., from Shanghai.—18 Chinese.
 Per *Naming*, str., from Manila.—Messrs. Gulick and MacGeorge, and 26 Chinese.
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 For Halphong.—Per *Freja*, to-morrow, the 8th instant, at 5.00 p.m.
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 For Europe, &c., &c.—Per *Prussia*, on Saturday, the 22nd instant, at 5.00 p.m.

Shipping in Hongkong.
STEAMERS.
 ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, Revsbeck, 6th Dec.—Pahang 3rd December, and Hoihow 5th Dec.—General—Karlberg & Co.
 AFRIKANDER, German steamer, 1,476, Hollmann, 1st Dec.—Nagasaki 28th Nov.—General—Wiel & Co.
 ARABIC, British steamer, 4,368, W. M. Smith, 2nd Dec.—San Francisco 7th Nov.—Yokohama 27th Nov.—Mails and General—O. & O. S. N. Co.
 ARATON/APCAR, British steamer, 1,992, J. G. Ollent, 4th Dec.—Calcutta 17th Nov.—Penang 29th, and Singapore 26th, Mails and General—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
 CAMORA, British steamer, 1,351, A. H. Fyfe, 1st Dec.—Java 22nd Nov.—and Singapore 28th Dec.—General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 CHEUNG-CHOW, British steamer, 1,212, Dunlop, 6th Dec.—Singapore 20th Nov.—Sugar—Bun Hing & Co.
 CHIMOTU, British steamer, 1,500, Hunt, 3rd Dec.—Sydney via Tjuidjap 23rd Dec.—Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.
 CHOW-PA, British steamer, 1,055, F. W. Phillips, 1st Dec.—Ang Hin 28th Nov.—General—Scottish Oriental S. S. Co.

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REPORTS.

The Austro-Hungarian steamship *Berenice* reports that she left Trieste on the 10th October, and Singapore on the 30th ultimo. Had moderate monsoon.
 The British steamship *Nanting* reports that she left Manila on the 4th instant. Had strong monsoon from north-north-east to north-east and high sea with clear-weather throughout.
 The German steamship *Ningpo* reports that she left Shanghai on the 3rd instant at noon. Had on the river calm and misty weather. After that to this port had moderate north-east winds and fine weather.

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CITY OF Peking, American steamer, 5,079, W. B. Seabury, 2nd Nov.—San Francisco 27th October, and Yokohama 17th Nov.—Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
DATILA, British steamer, 3,300, J. Nielsen, 5th Dec.—Manila and Dec.—General—Ban Ho.

DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,700, T. Voss, 6th Dec.—Singapore 1st December, General—Siemens & Co.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,100, Iwersten, 1st Dec.—Samsung 19th Nov.—Sugar—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

DEVAVONCE, British steamer, 1,057, P. H. Loff, 5th Dec.—Kobe 28th Nov.—Coals—Yuen Fat Hong.

DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, British steamer, 3,726, W. Reynolds, 1st Dec.—Kobe 25th Nov.—General and Coal.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

FALKENBURG, German steamer, 998, H. G. Weber, 5th Dec.—Saloon 28th Nov.—General—Melchers & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 1,170, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

FREJA, Danish steamer, 3,397, C. Lund, 6th Dec.—Halphong 4th December, General—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

HAITAN, British steamer, 1,182, S. Ashton, 5th Dec.—Fochow 2nd Dec.—Amoy 3rd, and Swatow 4th, General—D. Laprak & Co.

HEVER, German steamer, 388, B. Dethlefsen, 4th Dec.—Whampoa 4th Dec.—General—Siemens & Co.

ICHANG, British steamer, 1,250, T. Shaw, 28th Nov.—Shanghai 24th Nov.—Ballast—Butterfield & Swire.

KONG KONG, British steamer, 862, R. Jones, 23rd Nov.—Bangkok 14th Nov.—Rice and Coals—General—H. H. Wallace.

PARTHIA, British steamer, 2,035, F. H. Wallace, 25th Nov.—Vancouver 23rd October, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.